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For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM, IMAGE

PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE

PROCESSING METHOD

## CONFIRMATION OF WITHDRAWAL OF ACTION OF FEBRUARY 2, 2010

Examiner:

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A telephone conversation between Examiner Sarpong and Qing Huang of Birch, Stewart, Kolach & Birch on March 23, 2010, confirmed that the most recent non-final Office Action (dated March 23, 2010) was a replacement for the improper final Office Action dated February 2, 2010, and that this previous improper final Office Action was, accordingly, effectively withdrawn.

Consequently, the final Office Action dated February 2, 2010, is considered by the Applicants to have been effectively withdrawn such that no response to this effectively withdrawn improper final Office Action is required. If the Examiner disagrees that the most recent non-final Office Action (dated March 23, 2010) was a replacement for the improper final Office Action dated February 2, 2010, and that this improper final Office Action dated February 2, 2010, was therefore effectively withdrawn, he is requested to notify Applicants of this disagreement as soon as possible.

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If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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